

CHAPTER 97-223

House Bill No. 1077

An act relating to elections; changing the date of the second primary election in 1998; ensuring that dates tied to the date of the second primary remain unchanged, with specified exceptions; amending s. 106.15, F.S.; prohibiting political contributions in government buildings; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the second primary election in 1998 falls on September 29, 1998, and

WHEREAS, Yom Kippur, or the Jewish Day of Atonement, which is a day marked by fasting and continuous prayers of repentance, occurs on that day, and

WHEREAS, the conducting of the second primary election on September 29, 1998, would cause great hardship to voters of the Jewish faith, causing many to be unable to vote and prohibiting many from participating as election workers or participating in other election activities, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Notwithstanding section 100.091, Florida Statutes, or any other law to the contrary, the date of the second primary election in 1998 is changed from Tuesday, September 29, 1998, to Thursday, October 1, 1998. However, for purposes of the 1998 general election cycle, all dates in the Florida Election Code tied to the date of the second primary election remain set as if the second primary election were to be held on September 29, 1998, except that elections to be held in conjunction with the second primary election shall be held on October 1, 1998, and restrictions on changes in party affiliation between the first and second primary elections shall remain in effect for the extended period resulting from the change in the date of the second primary election effected by this act.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 106.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

106.15 Certain acts prohibited.—

(4) No person shall make and no person shall solicit or knowingly accept any ~~political campaign~~ contribution in a building owned by a governmental entity. For purposes of this subsection, "accept" means to receive a contribution by personal hand delivery from a contributor or the contributor's agent. This subsection shall not apply when a government-owned building or any portion thereof is rented for the specific purpose of holding a campaign fundraiser.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 30, 1997.

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